## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: §
Li, et al. §

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For: Directional Electromagnetic Wave §

Resistivity Apparatus and Method § Atty. Docket: 19.0405

## RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 7, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir.

In response to the Non-Final Office Action Mailed December 7, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following remarks and arguments.

## REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being amicipated by U.S. 2004/0100263 (Fanini, et al.). Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Fanini, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,304,086 (Minerbo). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's conclusions and traverse each of the Examiner's rejections.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 10-39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, because Applicants believe claims, from which claims 10-39 ultimately depend, is patentable, those dependent claims should be patentable as presently claimed.

In view of the foregoing, all claims pending in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue.